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PROCEEDINGS

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MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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NATCHEZ, MISS., Dec. 12-18, 1883.

The Seventieth Session of the MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in Natchez, Miss., Dec. 12-18, 1883; Bishop Hubbard Hinde Kavanaugh, D. D., presiding.

The Bishop conducted the religious services, consisting of reading the 2d chapter of II Timothy, singing hymns 272 and 561, and prayer by himself and Rev. J. G. Jones.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last session and the following clerical members answered to their names, or were present during the session, viz:

J. G. Jones, E. R. Strickland, J. Nicholson, J. L. Forsythe, R. A. Sibley, J. A. Godfrey, A. B. Nicholson, J. A. B. Jones, W. B. Hines, E. A. Flowers, B. Jones, G. F. Thompson, R. Abbey, H. P. Lewis, C. G. Andrews, W. B. Lewis, N. B. Young, H. F. Johnson, L. Kendall, E. H. Mounger, I. B. Robertson, W. W. Hurst, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. D. Hays, R. B. Downer, F. M. Williams, J. A. Ellis, P. Howard, J. M. Weems, J. H. Holland, D. A. Given, J. T. Heard, W. Spillman, J. C. Brogan, C. B. Galloway, R. D. Norsworthy, J. W. Sandell, D. P. Bradford, H. R. Singleton, D. G. W. Ellis, J. S. Parker, C. F. Gillespie, C. McDonald, P. A. Johnson, W. C. Black, J. W. Ellison, J. W. McLaurin, T. S. West, R. J. Jones, R. Bradley, D. C. Langford, T. B. Holloman, D. A. Little, C. D. Cecil, R. T. Davis, R. S. Woodward, W. D. Dominick, C. A. Powell, B. F. Jones, B. S. Rayner, W. W. Simmons, J. P. Drake, D. M. Rush, I. W. Cooper, W. W. Hopper, R. F. Flowers, T. W. Brown, G. Bancroft, I. L. Peebles, W. C. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, M. C. Calloway, J. J. Lovett, John W. Cham-

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bers, L. P. Meador, T. Price, J. M. Pugh, N. M. Clarke, A. D. Miller, E. F. Edgar, W. G. Millsaps, L. J. Jones, J. W. Harman, G. Hawkins, J. Healy, D. F. Guice, M. A. Bell, T. W. Adams, H. W. Featherstun, H. J. Harris, A. D. McVoy, H. D. Howell.

Lay members from the several districts were present as follows, viz:

W. B. Raiford, G. T. McGehee, J. W. Starr, R. Babington, J. E. Smith, W. L. Nugent, W. A. Ray, Geo. Harvey, J. J. Birdsong, W. M. Thornton, W. J. Bell, G. J. Bahin, J. G. Guice, T. A. Holloman, T. L. Mellen, A. C. Flowers, J. H. Thompson.

The following were introduced to the Conference and invited to seats upon the floor, viz:

Rev. Dr. Stratton, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Natchez; Rev. J. White Davis, of the Louisiana Conference; Rev. M. B. Chapman, of the St. Louis Conference, representing the St. Louis Christian Advocate; Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., Secretary of the General Missionary Board at Nashville; Major Grafton, editor of the Natchez Democrat.

Communications were read to the Conference, and referred to appropriate Committees, from the several Schools under the patronage of the Conference, and from the following sources, viz:

Report on the New Orleans Christian Advocate, from Messrs. Carver & Jamieson, publishers; from Rev. J. W. Hinton, D. D., editor of the Quarterly Review; Rev. D. Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension; Rev. W. G. E. Cunyngnam, D. D., Sunday-School Secretary; Rev. E. R. Hendrix, D. D., Chairman of the Executive Centennial Committee; from Rev. J. A. Ivey, of the Louisiana Conference, agent of the South-Western Bible Society.

Committees on the various interests of the Church were appointed as follows, to-wit:

On Public Worship—C. G. Andrews, W. C. Black, T. L. Mellen, G. J. Bahin.

On Memoirs—R. S. Woodward, J. T. Heard, C. G. Andrews.

On State of the Church—D. G. W. Ellis, L. Z. Gowers, J. W. Sandell, G. T. Thompson, R. B. Downer, W. B. Lewis, I. W. Cooper.

On Publishing Interests—D. C. Langford, T. S. West, T. L. Mellen, R. J. Jones, J. W. McLaurin, H. P. Lewis, R. Abbey.

On Bible Cause—J. F. Robinson, B. Jones, J. G. Guice, I. L. Peebles, J. J. Lovett, B. F. Jones, D. P. Bradford.

On Temperance—J. W. Harmon, D. A. Given, R. Bradley, G. Bancroft, R. Babington, J. T. Nicholson, Geo. Harvey.

On District Conference Records—J. C. Brogan, T. W. Brown, W. W. Hurst, Isaac Miller, J. W. Starr, R. W. Millsaps, J. W. Chambers.

On the Observance of the Sabbath—G. Hawkins, C. D. Cecil, P. Howard, J. W. Ellison, J. M. Weems, W. B. Hines, H. R. Singleton.

On Conference Relations—J. A. Ellis, R. D. Norsworthy, W. B. Hines, R. J. Jones, C. B. Galloway, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. M. Weems.

Sunday-School Board—C. A. Powell, T. Price, J. Nicholson, J. M. Pugh, L. P. Meador, J. T. Heard, T. Reed.

Board of Education—C. G. Andrews, Pres.; T. L. Mellen, V. P.; R. J. Jones, Sec.; J. W. Harmon, A. G. Mayers, L. P. Brown, W. B. Hines, R. S. Ricketts, C. B. Galloway, H. H. Hines, T. S. West, J. P. Carter, G. A. Wiley, R. S. Woodward.

Board of Church Extension—W. L. Nugent, Pres.; W. C. Black, V. P.; E. H. Mounger, Sec.; J. A. Ellis, Treas.; R. Babington, W. B. Lewis, S. T. Taylor, T. A. Holloman, L. Carley.

The hours of 9:30 A. M., and 1:30 P. M., were fixed as the times of meeting and adjournment.

Question First—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer—Benjamin F. Lewis from Forest and Morton; Mark H. Moore, from Meridian Circuit; Alexander F. Watkins, Kingston; Charles W. Scott, from Meadville; and Thomas L. Mellen, from the Natchez City Mission.

Question Second—Who remain on trial?

Answer—W. G. Backus, Virgil D. Skipper, Samuel J. Cotton, Henry Lee Scarborough, J. Wilson Brown.

Question Third—Who are discontinued?

Answer—Levi T. Jones.

Question Fourth—Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer—James Healy, Robert F. Witt, Edward F. Edgar, Andrew D. Miller, D. Fernando Guice, Thomas W. Adams in Elders orders, Martin Anding Bell.

Question Fifth—Who are re-admitted?

Answer—None.

Question Sixth—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer—H. Walter Featherstun from the Pacific; Henry J. Harris, from the North Texas; H. D. Howell, from the North Mississippi; and A. D. McVoy, from the North Mississippi, each in Elders orders; and Jules V. Penn in the first year.

Question Seventh—Who are the deacons of one year.

Answer—Joseph J. Lovett. To be continued in this class. N. M. Clarke, W. R. Sims.

Question Eighth—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Answer—Martin Anding Bell.

Question Ninth—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Answer—Martin Anding Bell.

Question Tenth—What local preachers are elected deacons?

Answer—Mark H. Moore, Lyman R. Roberts, Gabriel R. Ellis, Samuel D. Goff, Wm. G. Backus, Alexander F. Watkins.

Question Eleventh—What local preachers are ordained deacons.

Answer—Mark H. Moore, William G. Backus, Alexander F. Watkins.

Question Twelfth—What traveling preachers are elected elders.

Answer—Jno. W. Chambers, Mager C. Calloway, Joseph T. Nicholson, W. Warren Cammack.

Question Thirteenth—What traveling preachers are ordained elders.

Answer—Jno. W. Chambers, Mager C. Calloway, Joseph T. Nicholson, W. Warren Cammack.

Question Fourteenth—What local preachers are elected elders?

Answer—None.

Question Fifteenth—What local preachers are ordained elders?

Answer—None.

Question Sixteenth—Who are located this year?

Answer—W. W. Hopper, D. Merchant, R. F. Flowers.

Question Seventeenth—Who are supernumerary?

Answer—G. T. Vickers, J. A. Vance, J. H. Evans, W. G. Millsaps.

Question Eighteenth—Who are superannuated?

Answer—J. G. Jones, E. A. Flowers, W. Spillman, L. Pearce, E. R. Strickland, D. W. Dillehay.

Question Nineteenth—What preachers have died during the year?

Answer—Jno. Stewart Calhoun, C. W. Calhoun, Ambrose M. Barrington.

In Memoriam.

REV. JOHN STEWART CALHOUN, was born in Clark county Alabama, Feb. 1, 1853, and died in Hinds county, Miss., Feb. 11, 1883. Aged 30 years and 10 days. He was the son of John and Sallie Calhoun, in whose lives he had ever before him a beautiful exemplification of the purest morality, and a most healthful type of deeply spiritual religion.

In the atmosphere of this consecrated family altar, grew up three sons, who gave the noblest powers of their young manhood to the itinerant ministry. The subject of this memoir was distinguished for his integrity of character and fidelity to duty, from his childhood. He was happily converted to God in his early youth and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1868. Very soon after his conversion he received a deep and clear conviction of duty that he was called of God, to preach the gospel. Though his struggles with the flesh on this point, were not different from that of others who have acknowledged this holy calling, he felt such an awful sense of the authority and majesty of Him who called, and such a conception of sinners perishing for the bread of life, coupled with a yearning desire for their salvation, that he dared not hesitate. Hence, though he felt very keenly his want of qualification for so high and sacred a work, he threw himself wholly upon God, saying, "here am I, send me whither thou wilt and dispose of me for thine own glory." God accepted the sacrifice and blessed him as he did Jacob at Peniel, for ever after he seemed to possess the power of prevailing prayer in a remarkable degree. His scholastic training, preparatory to his "life work," was received at Centenary Male Institute, at Summerfield, Alabama. His open, genial disposition, made him a favorite with his fellow students, his studious and steady deportment commanded the high regard of his teachers, while the rare type of his religious character won for him the confidence and esteem of all classes.

He was licensed to preach Sept. 1875, joined the Mississippi Conference Dec. 1879, and was united in marriage to Miss Permelia Chapman on the 26th, of the same month. Thus united with one whose spirit and purposes of life were in full sympathy and accord with his own, they entered the itinerant field prepared to share its toils and sufferings, trusting the Master for whatever of joys and rewards he in his loving providence should see fit to bestow.

He served the West Pascagoula Circuit, the first four years of his itinerant ministry, with great acceptability and much to the spiritual improvement and numerical strength of the work. Having now completed the prescribed course of study, he was ordained Elder by Bishop Keener, Dec., 1881, having been ordained Deacon by Bishop Kavanaugh Dec. 1879.

At the time of his death he had just entered on his second year on Cayuga Circuit.

Here, as on his first circuit, God abundantly blessed his ministry and made him the honored instrument of an all-pervasive revival influence, that won scores of souls to Christ and his church and sweetly enshrined him in the warmest affections of the people. He possessed a highly social nature, a cheerful spirit, was free from sinister or selfish motives, was as guileless as a child, as gentle and affectionate as a woman, all of which was crowned with a noble manly spirit, which was uncompromising where principle was involved. As a preacher, he was scriptural, earnest, pointed, addressing the moral nature, the conscience, presenting Christ with an affectionate pathos that rarely failed to make an impression.

He died of meningitis, involving the brain to an extent that precluded the possibility of communication with his friends in his last hours. But the testimony of his life, voices one of the purest and best of men with whose life and labors God has blessed our church. He had often spoken of his early death as being probable, and always with that perfect assurance of his own salvation and God's care of his loved ones, that leaves no doubt as to his readiness for it. He has left a wife and three little children, around whom his hearts tendrils entwined, heart stricken and lonely, to weep because he is not. He had said that when he died he wanted to be buried right on the work where he fell. He sleeps in our midst. The soil on

which his last battles were fought and his last victories were won now enfolds his form, and the noble heart, whose last generous throbbings were for the good of others, reposes where it ceased to beat. Like the beauty of Israel he has fallen, while the dews of youth were yet on his locks, and we weep to think we shall see his face no more in our midst, yet we rejoice in the confidence that he has been called to a place among the valiant at God's right hand.

R. S. WOODWARD.

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The REV. AMBROSE M. BARRINGTON was born in Rutherford county, Tennessee, April 4, 1820. He was converted at a Cumberland Presbyterian camp meeting in the summer of 1844, joined the Methodist church and was licensed to preach in September following. He joined the Arkansas Conference the same year, was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine in 1846, and Elder by Bishop Andrew in 1848. He was married to Mrs. R. M. Lyons, Dec. 17, 1848; she was a highly accomplished christian lady, and proved to him a help-mate indeed. At the close of 1849, on account of the health of his family and the low state of his finances, he asked for and obtained a location. He graduated in medicine, and for some years he practiced his profession and preached as a local minister; preaching was his loved employ and he preached more, probably, while he was local than while traveling. He moved to Mississippi in 1857, and joined the Memphis Conference. At the division of the Conferences he adhered to the North Mississippi conference. At the close of the year 1875, he was transferred to the Mississippi Conference. The services of Dr. Barrington as a pastor were highly prized, he having filled acceptably some of the most important charges in each of the Conferences to which he belonged.

One who knew Dr. Barrington most intimately writes: "He was a man who obeyed strictly the Apostolic command, 'owe no man anything but to love another;' this was one of the rules of his life, whenever he made any move he always left a clean record. He was a good, pure-hearted man and was never so happy as when laboring in his Master's vineyard. The Cross of Christ was his favorite theme: the 'fountain filled with blood' his favorite song."

On account of impaired health, Dr. Barrington was granted a supernumerary relation at the close of 1881. In January, 1883, he moved with his family to Florida, but before he reached his destination, the summons came. He died at Bay Port, Florida, March 20, 1883, sustained by the retrospect of a busy, useful, honored life, and made triumphant by a well-grounded hope of an immortal crown.

C. G. ANDREWS.

Question Twentieth—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Answer—Their names were all called over one by one and their characters were examined and passed except Louis Kendall, who was suspended from the functions of the ministry for twelve months.

Question Twenty-first—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

Answer—Local preachers, 136; white members, 25,686.

Question Twenty-second—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer—1171.

Question Twenty-third—How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Answer—1078?

Question Twenty-fourth—What is the number of Sunday-schools?

Answer—316.

Question Twenty-fifth—What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

Answer—1596.

Question Twenty-sixth—What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

Answer—10,735.

Question Twenty-seventh—What is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer—\$2500.

Question Twenty-eighth—What has been collected on the foregoing and how has it been applied?

Answer—\$2032 00

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Question Twenty-ninth—What has been contributed for Missions?

Answer—Foreign\$4089 35

Domestic..... 1214 60

———— \$5303 95

Question Thirtieth—What are the Educational statistics?

Answer—See report of Board of Education.

Question Thirty-first—Where shall the next session of Conference be held?

Answer—At Yazoo City.

Question Thirty-second—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer—See list of Appointments.

Report of Conference Board of Education.

The Board of Education beg leave to report as follows:

We are pleased to note the steady and healthful growth of intelligent sentiment in the church in favor of more careful, religious, denominational education. The sixty-eight colleges and universities of Southern Method-

ism are doing a great and gratifying work for the church, and most of them were never so liberally patronized as now. We record this fact with devout thanksgiving. The conservative power of the church is largely centered in the cause of education. Whatever may be done by the State in establishing and maintaining free public schools, recognizing illiteracy as dangerous to the body politic, the duty of the church to educate is imperative, and can neither be neglected nor relegated to another. From our Conference schools we have favorable reports.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Centenary College is enjoying increased prosperity. The number of students to date is eighty-three, against seventy-one at the same date last session. Eight young men are there preparing for the itinerant ministry, and eleven sons of ministers are receiving collegiate education. The higher classes of the college are fuller than hitherto, and the literary progress of the entire school is exceptionally good. One of the wing buildings has been repaired at an expense of six hundred dollars. The addition to the faculty of instruction of Profs. J. E. Harrison and W. P. Overby, the trustees considered, "quite an acquisition" and guarantee of the best scholastic work in their departments. We recommend the confirmation of Rev. C. B. Galloway's election as a member of the Board of Trustees. The re-appointment of Rev. D. M. Rush as President, is also recommended. Centenary College was a thank offering to the church in commemoration of the Centennial of the origin of Methodism, and is commended to the liberality of the Conference during the coming year which will be made memorable as the centenary of organic American Methodism.

WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE.

This institution has enjoyed phenomenal prosperity for a number of years, and was never so liberally sustained as to-day. Its position among the female colleges of the South is at the head. The large attendance of pupils this term indicates the continued and increasing confidence of the church in its wise administration and thorough instruction. We recommend the re-appointment of Dr. H. F. Johnson, as President.

We have had under consideration the proposition of Dr. Johnson to donate to the Conference real estate on which the new College buildings are erected worth from twenty to thirty thousand dollars, if the Conference will raise a permanent endowment fund for the institution, of at least, thirty thousand dollars. We recommend the acceptance of the proposition and the appointment of Dr. H. F. Johnson, as agent, to raise said amount.

EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE.

This College which has grown steadily and almost uninterruptedly since its foundation, is reported by the President to have opened more favorably this session than ever before. One hundred and fourteen pupils have matriculated, with the promise of large increase after the holidays. One feature of his report is worthy of mention: "All the pupils boarding in the College are members of the church." The buildings have undergone thorough repair, and many important changes have been made to facilitate the management of the institution. The Rev. J. W. Adkisson, for years the efficient President of the College, having resigned, the Rev. A. D. McVoy was elected to fill the vacancy, and has entered upon his duties with great zeal and confidence.

WOODVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY.

This institution, we learn, is doing a good work, with an attendance this

session of about fifty pupils. Miss Annie E. Brown, the daughter of Rev. T. W. Brown, of this Conference, is the accomplished Principal, who is every way worthy of confidence and patronage.

PORT GIBSON FEMALE COLLEGE.

Under the Presidency of Rev. T. C. Bradford, Port Gibson Female College is rendering valuable service to the church. He has developed ability as an administrator and aptness to teach. The last session was one of the best the College has enjoyed for years, and the present term promises larger results. We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. T. C. Bradford as President.

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY,

For the Board.

Report of Joint Board of Finance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:

The Joint Board of Finance have instructed me to make the following report:

The amount assessed against the Conference at its last session for the Bishop's fund is \$900, and for the Conference fund \$2500. These assessments were apportioned as follows:

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Bishop's Fund.</i>	<i>Conf. Fund.</i>
Vicksburg.....	\$185 00.....	\$485 00
Jackson	185 00	485 00
Brandon	100 00.....	215 00
Brookhaven	145 00.....	400 00
Woodville	100 00.....	310 00
Sea Shore	70 00.....	205 00
Meridian.....	115 00.....	400 00
Total.....	\$900 00.....	\$2500 00

The receipts by the Joint Board, on account of said funds from the several Presiding Elders' Districts of the Conference, are as follows:

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Bishop's Fund.</i>	<i>Conf. Fund</i>
Vicksburg.....	\$174 57.....	\$362 75
Jackson	185 00.....	429 40
Brandon	90 10.....	164 40
Brookhaven	134 20.....	197 50
Woodville	100 20.....	263 30
Sea Shore.....	70 00.....	171 15
Meridian	134 60.....	343 50
Total	\$888 67.....	\$2032 00

In addition to the above the Board has received for the Conference fund from the Van Houton Trust \$54, and from a friend, whose name the Board is under obligation not to disclose, \$12 50—making the total amount for distribution \$2098 50.

For the Bishop's fund, in addition to the assessments, the Board has received from an unknown lover of Methodism \$12 50, and the total sum of \$901 17, has been paid out to the parties entitled to receive the same, and the necessary receipts taken and forwarded.

We have received from the Colvin bequest the sum of \$28 55, which has been applied as follows:

Mrs. W. E. M. Linfield and three children.....	\$2 50
" Ulysses Thompson and three children	2 50
" W. W. Drake, and three children.....	2 50

" H. D. Berry and two children	1 90
" R. J. Jones and three children	2 50
" Wm. Wadsworth and three children	2 50
" H. P. Bowen and three children	2 50
" J. J. Smylie and two children	1 90
" Jno. C. Johnson	65
" Richard H. Herbert.....	65
" James Long.....	65
" H. H. Montgomery.....	65
" W. H. Watkins	55
" V. H. Johnson.....	65
" Samuel Dawson	65
" David Wiggins	65
" Jesse McKay	65
" Preston Cooper.....	65
" B. M. Drake	65
" Wm. Finn.....	65
" P. H. Napier.....	65
" C. C. Watkins.....	65
Miss Jane Day	65

Total..... \$28 35

The number entitled now to participate in the distribution of this special fund is fifty-eight.

The Conference fund has been distributed in the amounts aid to the persons following.

<i>Claimants.</i>	<i>To whom handed.</i>	<i>Amount paid.</i>
Rev. Wm. Spillman.....	Self.....	\$76 00
" J. N. Williams and wife.....	L. P. Meador.....	76 00
" J. G. Jones.....	Self.....	76 00
" D. W. Dillehay.....	I. L. Pebbles.....	76 00
" Joseph Nicholson and wife.....	Self.....	76 00
" E. R. Strickland	Self.....	60 00
" E. A. Flowers.....	J. P. Drake.....	76 00
" T. Y. Armstrong	J. A. Godfrey.....	38 00
" A. B. Stewart.....	C. G. Andrews	104 50
Mrs. W. E. M. Linfield and 3 children	B. F. Jones.....	76 00
" Ulysses Thompson and 3 children	J. C. Brogan.....	76 00
" W. W. Drake and 3 children.....	D. M. Rush.....	76 00
" Chas W. Calhoun and 6 children.....	T. Price.....	76 00
" J. S. Calhoun and 3 children	T. Price.....	76 00
" A. M. Barrington	W. B. Lewis	76 00
" H. D. Berry and 2 children.....	W. G. Bachus.....	76 00
" R. J. Jones and 3 children	G. Hawkins.....	38 00
" Wm Wadsworth and 3 children.....	J. S. Parker.....	76 00
" H. P. Bowen and 3 children.....	W. B. Lewis	60 00
" J. J. Smylie and 2 children.....	R. D. Norsworthy	38 00
" John C. Johnson.....	J. P. Drake.....	38 00
" Richard H. Herbert	R. S. Woodward	38 00
" James Long.....	C. F. Gillespie.....	38 00
" H. H. Montgomery.....	H. R. Caldwell	38 00
" W. H. Watkins.....	A. F. Watkins.....	38 00
" V. H. Johnson.....	P. A. Johnson.....	38 00
" Samuel Dawson.....	J. W. Brown.....	38 00
" David Wiggins.....	H. R. Caldwell.....	76 00
" Jesse McKay	L. P. Meador	20 00

" Preston Cooper	I. W. Cooper . . .	60 00
" B. M. Drake.....	J. P. Drake	60 00
" Wm. Finn	J. S. Parker.....	60 00
" C. C. Watkins	J. P. Drake.....	20 00
" P. H. Napier	C. F. Gillespie.....	76 00
Miss Jane Day.....	C. G. Andrews	20 00

Total..... \$2098 50

The Board reports to the Conference, for adoption, the following assessments for the support of the Bishops and Conference claimants, the last under instructions from the Conference:

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Bishop's Fund.</i>	<i>Conf. Fund.</i>
Vicksburg.....	\$185 00.....	\$630 50
Jackson.....	185 00.....	630 50
Brandon	100 00.....	279 50
Brookhaven	145 00.....	520 00
Woodville	100 00.....	403 00
Sea Shore.....	70 00.....	266 50
Meridian.....	115 00.....	520 00

Total.....\$900 00.....\$3250 00

For the Board.

W. L. NUGENT, Secretary.

Report on State of the Church.

The committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report as follows,

The *revival fire* has been burning in nearly every part of the Conference. Hundreds of souls have been made to rejoice over sins forgiven in justifying faith, in the indwelling peace of God, and the sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit.

Brotherly love, peace and harmony now pervade the Church. The old paths have been kept in many places, the keeping of which has resulted in quickening every interest of the Church. During the past year 3515 have been added to the Church. What a force for good if this number can be assimilated into the life of Christ. We believe the Church is rich in numbers whose testimony is "saved by the blood of Christ"

We are pained to learn that the class-meeting, so productive of a higher religious experience, is not kept up in many parts of the Conference.

Worldliness in some places is destroying the vitality of the Church. Theatres, circuses, balls and private dances have thrown a blight on the Church. These evils are antagonistic to the very life and power of our holy christianity. We are gratified to know the children manifest a decided interest in the Church of Christ.

The centenary year will not be a failure if we incorporate into our experiences the glorious truths taught by Wesley.

Your committee have had under consideration a resolution referred to them in reference to the relation of baptized children to the Church and to the Lord's Supper. We deem it expedient to say, that in the language, our discipline, baptized children cannot remain within the pale of our Church after arriving at the years of discretion without assuming its obligations. The manner of assuming these obligations is plainly taught. They are to be brought before the Church and asked: "Do you ratify, and confirm the promise and vow of repentance, faith, and obedience contained in the baptismal covenant. Previous to this they are the children of the Church, not vested with all the privileges of Church membership, even as minors in a State are not vested with all the rights of cit-

izenship. As to the relation of baptized children to the Lord's Supper, the invitation of the Church is: "Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort." No one is welcome to the communion in our Church, who cannot come under that invitation. But we understand the responsibility of deciding the question is thrown on the communicant, and not on the Church.

"Let a man examine himself and so let him eat." We think if a baptized child voluntarily comes to the communion under this invitation he should not be rejected. Furthermore, we would refer to the discipline requiring ministers to give special attention to the baptized children of the Church and cause them to be instructed with a view to this public reception into the Church. We respectfully offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, As members of the Mississippi Conference we will endeavor to establish class-meetings in our respective charges.

Resolved, That we recommend our pastors to use every legitimate means to keep the young people of our Church from the dissipations of worldly amusements.

Respectfully,

INMAN W. COOPER, Secretary.

D. G. W. ELLIS, Chairman.

Report of the Sunday-School Board.

It has been the aim and effort of the Sunday-school Board to become acquainted with the condition of the Sunday-school cause within the bounds of our Conference. To this end, letters have been addressed to each pastor containing interrogations, the answers to which would enable us to understand the peculiar condition of each Sunday-school as effectually as if it were under our immediate supervision. But we have succeeded in getting responses in full, or in part, from only fifty-four of the ninety-six pastoral charges.

From these we have gleaned some facts which we deem worthy of the prayerful consideration of this Conference. Among these we call attention to the following: There has been reported 1811 children under ten years of age, and only 128 of these are reported converted and in the Church. This fact furnishes important information on two points. It reveals the possibilities before us, and our dereliction of duty towards these lambs of the flock.

These figures clearly show, that there is a great work to be done among these little ones. Our failure, at this point, is attributable to imperfect pastoral instruction, and the absence of family religion. We have diligently sought the history of every such conversion and membership reported, and in every instance we have discovered that these children belong to homes blessed with family altars. With these facts before us, we are persuaded that there is but one hope for the thousands of children brought up in prayerless families; and that is, a more direct effort on the part of the pastors to lead them to Christ.

We are aware that there is a popular prejudice against young children coming into the Church, and it is claimed that so soon as they reach a proper age to assume the obligations of Church membership, they will come in. This brings us to the second fact, to which we call attention.

Of the 3695 children above ten years of age, there were reported only 1373 converted and in the Church. Last year over ten thousand pupils were reported in our Sunday-schools. What per cent. of those not reported to us are in the Church we have no means of knowing; but judging from the reports made to us we conclude that it is alarmingly small. In our cities and towns, very few of the scholars attend public worship. We

earnestly beg parents and pastors to use their influence to correct this evil. The idea prevails to a very large extent, that we are not to expect early conversions, and an early acceptance of Church membership. Another fact to which we call attention, is, that in the 54 of the 128 Sunday-schools reported to us, no collection for any purpose is taken. We think it as important to train the children in the grace of giving, as it is to teach them any other principle of the gospel. It is evidently a mistake to allow them to grow up without a proper training in this regard.

Your Sunday-school Board are pleased to learn, through the communication of Dr. W. G. E. Cunningham, that the Sunday-school Department of the Church is in a prosperous condition, and that there has been an advanced movement, which is gratifying and encouraging to all the laborers in this grand field of religious effort. The increase of scholars and teachers the past year has been 23,861, and the circulation of Sun-School literature is larger than ever before. No department of our work is of more importance to the success and prosperity of the Church of Christ, than the S. S. interests. It is conceded, that the Church which watches over the christian instruction of the children will never want for members or ministers, who shall successfully push on the victories of the Cross. The Church should not lose sight of the fact, that in addition to the general instruction in Biblical literature, our children should be instructed in the doctrines, economy and discipline of the church, so that our membership may be able to give an intelligent reason why they are Methodists.

The children should be indoctrinated in the distinguishing features of our branch of the Church of Christ. Hence, our own literature should be in every school; and we recommend that catechetical instruction, on these points be more fully engrafted upon the Sunday-school literature of the church. "We might as well supply our pulpits with preachers of other denominations, and expect our people to be well instructed in the doctrines and usages of our Church, as to use foreign literature in our Sunday-schools, and expect our children to be properly taught in Methodist doctrine." Our preachers should discountenance the introduction of any literature or any song-books which have not the sanction of the Church, through the Sunday-school editor. The Board think that there is very little necessity for Sunday-schools to suspend during the winter months. By this much is lost in every way, and a little energy and small contributions of money in making the churches comfortable would avoid this necessity.

We express a hope that the Centennial fund which may be raised during the next year may contribute to the establishment of new schools and infuse new life into those which are now languishing for the want of pecuniary assistance.

Your Board recommend the holding of a Sunday-school Convention within our bounds during the year 1884, at such time and place as they may designate, and that the representation shall consist of the pastor, and a gentleman and a lady from each charge,

In behalf of the Sunday-school Board.

J. M. PUGH, Sec.

J. M. WEEMS, Chm.

Report on Temperance.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, or rather its counterpart intemperance, beg leave to report: That they have given to this subject the serious thought and investigation which they were able to command, and submit the following with the prayerful hope that it may inspire us with more active and persistent efforts to suppress the evils of intemperance.

In a general survey of this subject, we recognize the cheering fact, that, aggressive movements, on a higher plane of organized effort, have been

made all along the lines of temperance workers, which should be a source of real gratification to us, and the Church of Christ at large.

We also recognize the fact, that the various christian denominations, under the inspiration of a more comprehensive conviction, are giving great prominence to the question as how, more effectually, to abate the evils of intemperance. The Woman's National Temperance organization is doing a marvellous work in creating a healthful action in this direction.

The various temperance orders are also moving up to a more effective platform of action. The great leaders of all the temperance organizations recognize the fact, that the only possible common sense remedy, is the systematic organization and application of all moral, religious, political and legal forces combined and launched against this crime-producing liquor traffic.

That is, moral suasion and religious culture for the head and heart, in order to cure those false notions of polite and fashionable society, which tend to foster and sustain this iniquity; and the legal abolition of the traffic, except under stern governmental restrictions for medicinal, mechanical, religious and art purposes, as projected by Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, in the United States Senate, in amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

This must be, this will be the key-stone and crown of the temperance movement, in the future, in all these States.

There is scarcely a greater obstruction to the Gospel of Christ; there never will be a more gigantic snare set for the rapid destruction of human happiness and human souls, than the drinking system, licensed and sustained by a christian and civilized people. In view of its appalling disaster to society and domestic happiness; in view of its destruction of immortal souls; in view of its inevitably disastrous results,—we have the right as an intelligent and christian people, and especially as a body of ministers to demand that the liquor traffic be suppressed. We appeal, with all the emphasis that the voice of the murdered millions can give, with all the emphasis that the millions of desolated homes and broken hearts can give, and with all the emphasis that the millions of damned souls can give, to moral and good men, to religious men and christian ministers, to all the wise and pure and just, to rise up and drive this monstrous iniquity from the walks, and trade and commerce of these United States.

Resolved, therefore, That while we are grateful to the legislature of this State for a government policy which prohibits the retail liquor traffic, unless the same is authorized by petition of a majority of the legal voters in any town or Supervisor's District, we appeal to it to go forward in the good work until the evil is wholly exterminated; and to that end to inaugurate a local option system which will effectually prevent it.

Resolved, further, That in the opinion of this Conference no member of the church of God can sign any petition for the retail of intoxicating liquors without violating the obligation devolved upon him as such; and that the members of one branch of said church who sign such petitions should be remonstrated with in the first instance, and proceeded against if they persist in such conduct.

J. W. HARMON, Secretary.

Report on the Bible Cause.

Your Committee has carefully considered the subject submitted to it. We are deeply impressed with the importance of circulating the Word of God, and of sustaining the South-Western Bible House for this purpose. The Bible is the Word of God, and the life of the world. In many cases it has proved its sufficiency for salvation without any human assistance. A nobleman of Japan picked up a Bible in the sea, it becomes the means

of his conversion, and sets him to work to give others the gospel. Another reads the first verse of Genesis, it impresses him, he comes to our country to be educated, and returns to Japan to become a colporteur. Some gentlemen merchants find copies of the Scripture in their native tongue; are converted without the aid of a living teacher, and organize themselves into a Bible society.

How many are awakened in our own country by reading the Holy Scriptures alone, and are led thereby to the house of God and to salvation, we do not know, but we are sure that by the circulation of the Scriptures the minister of the Gospel is immensely aided in his work of bringing men to Jesus. Nearly all the countries of the world—Romish, Mohammedan and Pagan, are ready to receive the Word of God, and the American Bible Society has already printed it in two hundred and fifty languages and dialects. It has circulated millions of copies; and the demand for its circulation is still increasing.

The South-Western Bible Society, with which we are more immediately connected, has been in existence thirty-three years. Our own Judge Edward McGehee, was one of its first and noblest supporters. During its existence it has done an immense amount of good, but the demand for its labors has not been lessened. Immigrants are coming to these Southern States, our native population is increasing, numbers of negro families are yet to be supplied, Roman Catholics who, under the influence of their priests read not the Word of God, must not be suffered to perish without repeated and persistent effort to induce them to accept it. Our opinion is that we have been lacking in interest and labor in this movement to give the Bible to every human being. The collections within the bounds of our Conference, for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures have been so meagre that we are almost ashamed to allude to them. At present the South-Western Bible Society is so much in need of funds that it has no Colporteur in the field. The contributions during the present year, we are informed, are less than formerly. We know of no member of our Conference who has made a collection, and only one individual has informed us of any effort to circulate the Bible within the limits of his charge. Few men among us sell the Bible or give it away, and while copies of it are found in quantities in some places, other places are almost destitute of it. We ask for collections and work on the part of our preachers to give the Bible to those that need it. We close this report by recommending the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved. That each preacher be requested to see that every family within the limits of his charge be furnished with a copy of the Bible or New Testament, who is willing to buy and read it.

Resolved. That gifts shall be solicited from the South-Western Society for the purpose, and that those that are not able to purchase a copy be presented with one, so that every individual or family that wants a Bible may have it.

Resolved. That those preachers who can do so with propriety, be requested to take a collection during the year in aid of the South-Western Bible Society.

B. JONES, Chairman.

J. J. LOVETT, Secretary.

Report on District Conference Records.

The Committee having examined the records of all the Districts, except the Vicksburg and Brandon, take pleasure in reporting a marked improvement, generally, in the manner of their keeping.

In the record of the Meridian District there is no note of the election of a Secretary, and no signature of either President or Secretary.

The Brookhaven record is deficient in marginal references.

The Brookhaven, Sea Shore and part of the Jackson Record, lack the running date at the top of the pages.

The Woodville District record is to be commended for neatness and accuracy.

THOS. W. BROWN, Secretary.

J. C. BROGAN, Chairman.

Report of Board of Missions.

We recognize the obligation placed upon us, as disciples of him who came to seek and save the lost, and who, in leaving our world for the realms of light, gave "marching orders" to all who would come after him to the Father's glory, to go into all the world and preach his Gospel. Our church has been advancing its militant columns much more aggressively this year than ever before. A goodly number of additional missionaries, male and female, have left their own loved native land to carry tidings of good things to regions beyond. Heeding the beckoning hand of the Master, our Boards have devised more liberal things than heretofore. We rejoice to record the fact that here in our own Conference the people have responded in some measure to the cry for help—the call of duty. Against a total last year for Foreign Missions reported to this Board of \$3715, we place \$1305 70 this year; and against \$1240 for Domestic Missions, we report \$1216 80, with our anniversary collection for each yet to be reported. The Woman's work for the heathen women has also made considerable advance. We thank God for these results, and go forward in the name of the Captain of our salvation, who has said: "Lo, I am with you alway."

J. P. DRAKE, Secretary.

Report on Publishing Interests.

To the Bishop Presiding and Members of the Mississippi Conference:

Your Committee on Publishing Interests submit the following report:

1. The communication from Messrs. Carver & Jamieson, publishers of the New Orleans CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, claims our first attention. The rapid increase of circulation of that religious journal to which we are attached by special ties, and in which we feel such cordial interest, gives us no little pleasure; and this pleasure is not lessened by the additional information that the ADVOCATE is entirely free from debt. The disappointing feature of the report is the fact that within the bounds of this Conference there are only two thousand subscribers among a membership of more than twenty-three thousand.

2. The Annual Report of the Book Agent contains much gratifying information. The continued reduction of the indebtedness, which so long hampered the management and discouraged the partners, gives evidence of wisdom on the part of those in whose hands are committed that important trust.

3. The gradual increase in the number of subscribers to the Nashville CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, the general organ of our church indicates a growing interest on the part of our ministers and laymen, but the measure of duty has not yet been attained. This great paper should not have less than fifty thousand subscribers.

4. Our Sunday-school literature is becoming more widely circulated. We trust that at an early date—it ought to be within the ensuing conference year—all our schools will be using our own publications. There is neither need nor reason for any other. They are graduated to suit not only the children, but people of all ages. They are well edited and in all doctrinal matters meet the test of our Church standards.

5. We cannot refrain from especially mentioning the number and character of the books recently issued from the press of our Publishing House.

The rapidity of the issuance of these books of great worth at cheap prices indicates fitness and ability in both editor and publisher, and a decided upward and onward movement in the management of this great institution of the Church.

4. THE SOUTHERN METHODIST QUARTERLY REVIEW, edited by the Rev. Dr. Hinton, and published at Macon, Ga., is pressing forward to the van and must soon be recognized as the equal of any of the older Quarterlies, whether of Europe or America.

5. The St. Louis CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE ranks among our leading church papers, is edited with ability and is sound in its theology. We thank the publisher for his courteous remembrance of this Conference, and welcome to our session the Rev M. B. Chapman of the Missouri Conference who represents this excellent paper.

6. The ADVOCATE OF MISSIONS and the WOMAN'S ADVOCATE OF MISSIONS should be more generally circulated and more carefully read. Not only are our people themselves being "destroyed for lack of knowledge but our missions suffer and the energies of our missionaries cannot be fully put forth, because of this want of information from the whitening harvest fields of the heathen world. These ADVOCATES are ever filled with the latest tidings from the faithful laborers of other churches as well as our own devoted missionaries. No christian can attentively read these papers without having his heart stirred, warmed and inspired with zeal for this holy cause.

In conclusion, we beg leave to suggest to the General Committee of our church on the Centenary of Episcopal Methodism, in America, that the centennial year will be an opportune time in which to begin the publication of a periodical cheaper than any now issued by our Publishing House, designed especially to inform our people of the character, the doctrines, the polity and work of the church in which so many of them are only nominal members. Such an publication we think might be issued for ten or twenty cents per annum, and so be placed in the hands of every family, if not of every member in our Southern Methodist Church.

T. L. MELLE, Sec.

R. ABBEY, Chairman.

Report of Board of Church Extension.

There has come into the hands of the Treasurer of this Board the sum of eight hundred and eighty-six dollars and thirty cents, which we regard as a good beginning of an important enterprise.

From the one-half of this sum subject to this Board the following appropriations have been made:

To the Church at Bogue Chitto, Miss., fifty dollars.

To the Church at Scranton, Miss., two hundred dollars.

To Mizpah Church, Fayette Circuit, one hundred and twenty-five dollars. These sums aggregate three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

In each instance care was taken that the amount donated shall not be imperilled by debt on the church.

The following assessments on the several districts were made:

Vicksburg District.....	\$300 00
Jackson "	270 00
Brandon "	190 00
Brookhaven "	250 00
Woodville "	225 00
Sea Shore "	225 00
Meridian "	290 00

\$1,750 00

The Conference is requested by the Board to instruct the preachers to

take up the collection for Church Extension early in the year, forwarding the amounts to Rev. J. A. Ellis, Treasurer of this Board.

E. H. MOUNGER, Sec of Board.

Resolved, That we are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the restoration to health of our venerable friend and brother, Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D.D., the book agent of our church, who has been so near the verge of the other world, and we pray that his life may be spared for many years of usefulness to the church he has served so long and so faithfully.

Resolved, That the secretary of this conference be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. McFerrin.

T. L. MELLEN,
W. B. LEWIS,
J. P. DRAKE.
W. C. BLACK.

Mural Tablet for Bishop Paine.

The following committee was appointed to act with a like committee from the North Mississippi Conference to provide for the insertion of a Mural Tablet in the walls of the chapel of Vanderbilt University to the memory of Bishop Robert Paine, D. D.

Communications with the African Methodist Episcopal Conf.

The following telegram was received from the above body then in session:
PORT GIBSON, MISS., Dec. 13.

To the Bishop and Members of the M. E. C. South:

The Mississippi African Methodist Episcopal Conference send greetings to your Conference. May peace and harmony prevail. God bless your deliberations.

Signed, GEO. W. BRYANT,
J. N. ABBEY.
C. O. H. THOMAS.

By request of the Conference Bishop Kavanaugh had prepared and transmitted the following answer by telegraph. viz :

To the African Methodist Episcopal Conference now in session at

Port Gibson :

The Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, cordially reciprocate the greetings of the African Methodist Episcopal Conference, and invoke God's blessing upon them in all their work in His name.

Signed. H. H. KAVANAUGH, Bishop Presiding.

Help for Education of Colored Methodist.

Resolved, 1. That appreciating as we do all movements towards the advancement of the great cause of education, we can but regard with interest and approval the efforts of the Colored Methodist Church in America to provide for themselves ministers of the gospel and teachers qualified to instruct and edify their church and people.

Resolved, 2. That we heartily commend the appeal of Bishop Isaac Lane, asking assistance for the erection of school buildings at Jackson, Tenn., and at Byhalia, Miss., to the favorable consideration of our people, and that Rev. D. P. Bradford be appointed a committee to receive and forward to Bishop Lane contributions offered for that purpose.

Signed,

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT,
R. ABBEY.

Committees of Examination.

Admission on Trial—B. Jones, J. A. Ellis and J. P. Drake.

First year—W. B. Lewis, W. D. Dominick and J. M. Weems.

Second year—D. M. Rush, C. McDonald and L. Carley.

Third year—C. B. Galloway, R. J. Jones and J. W. McLaurin.

Fourth year—C. G. Andrews, W. C. Black and E. H. Moulder,

Statistical Secretary.

Resolved, That the thanks of this conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. J. W. McLaurin for the patient and pains-taking method by which he has prepared the statistical records of this session,
Signed, R. D. NORSWORTHY.

Conference Host.

Resolved, That we tender to our worthy Conference host, the Rev. W. C. Black, our most hearty thanks for his faithful performance of duty.
W. D. DOMINICK,
J. S. PARKER.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this conference are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Natchez for their hospitable entertainment, and that we will commend them in our prayers to the favor of our Heavenly Father.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Natchez Democrat for publishing our proceedings and gratuitously furnishing the conference with the daily edition.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to Capt. Leathers, of the Natchez, and Capt. Campbell, of the Ed. Richardson, also to the Natchez Jackson & Columbus, Illinois Central, Vicksburg & Meridian, and Mobile & Ohio railroads for courtesies extended in passing to and from Conference.
T. S. WEBB,
H. F. JOHNSON,
R. B. DOWER.

Joint Board of Finance.

C. A. Powell, B. S. Rayner, H. P. Lewis, E. H. Mounger, C. McDonald, R. D. Norsworthy, W. C. Black, H. E. Newsom, R. Babington, J. H. Thompson, W. L. Nugent, W. M. Thornton, L. P. Brown, T. A. Holloman.

Visiting Committees.

Centenary College—T. S. West and C. A. Powell.

Whitworth Female College—H. D. Howell and W. B. Lewis.

Port Gibson Female College—R. S. Woodward and J. P. Drake.

Woodville Female College—M. C. Calloway and C. D. Cecil.

East Mississippi Female College—J. M. Weems and J. W. Harmon.

Report of Centenary Com. at the Mississippi Conference.

The Centenary Committee has been organized by electing Rev. C. G. Andrews, chairman, Rev. W. L. C. Hunnicutt, vice-chairman, H. H. Hines, secretary and treasurer. C. G. Andrews and W. C. Black have been appointed a committee to prepare a programme of centennial work, and publish it in the New Orleans Christian Advocate. We do not recommend the adoption of the resolution referred to us, providing for the establishment of a male college. Rev. J. G. Jones has been appointed to preach the centennial sermon at the next session of this Conference. Rev. C. G. Andrews has been appointed his alternate. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all monies received during the centennial year for education be placed in the hands of the Conference Board of Education as an endowment fund for the several institutions of learning belonging to the Conference—Whitworth College, East Mississippi Female College, Port Gibson Female College and Centenary College—unless the donors give specific directions to their contributions.

Resolved, That we endeavor to raised a Centenary fund of \$60,000, to be appropriated equally to foreign missions, and the Church Extension Loan

Fund and to education, unless the donors give specific directions to their contributions.

Resolved, That the leading object of this Centenary movement is the spiritual improvement of our people by reviewing God's mercies during the hundred years of our organic life, and by calling out, in suitable monumental form, our gratitude for these blessings.

Resolved, That the first Sabbath in January, 1884, be observed throughout the church as a day of devout prayer for the Divine blessing upon the Centenary services of the year, and for a general revival of religion; and that on that day our preachers explain the nature and objects of the Centenary celebration, and especially urge adherence to those doctrines and usages of early Methodism that have contributed, under God, to her spiritual power.

Resolved, That the last Sabbath in May, 1884, (and in our circuits and missions as many successive Sabbaths thereafter as may be necessary,) be observed as a day (or days) of special Centenary services; and that the Central Centenary Committee be requested to furnish a programme of exercises therefor.

Resolved, That on the fourth Sabbath in June, 1884, (and in our circuits and missions as many successive Sabbaths thereafter as may be necessary,) a children's Centenary celebration to be held—the children's offerings to be devoted to the establishment and aid of Sunday-schools among the poor.

C. G. ANDREWS, Chairman.

APPOINTMENTS.

Woodville District—D. A. LITTLE, Presiding Elder.

Woodville—T. S. West.
North Wilkinson—D. A. Givens.
Clinton, La., Sta.—C. A. Powell
Bayou Sara—Jas. Healey.
St. Helena—J. S. Parker.
Livingston—H. L. Scarborough.
Pipkin's Chapel and Port Hudson—
T. W. Brown.

Wilkinson—C. D. Cecil.
Amite—E. F. Edgar.
East Feliciana—G. M. Gilmore
East Baton Rouge—J. W. Brown.
Amite City—J. M. Pugh.
Jackson La. Sta.,—M. C. Calloway.
Centenary College, La.—D. M. Rush,
Pres.

Sea Shore District—B. S. RAYNER, Presiding Elder.

Moss Point—R. J. Jones.
Vancleve, to be supplied (by A. P. Cox.)
Whittington—T. Price.
Covington—W. G. Backus, G. T. Vickers, Sup.
Mt. Carmel—J. W. McLaurin.
Poplarsville—D. F. Guice and one to be supplied (by S. D. Goff.)
Scranton—J. J. Lovett.

Americus—C. F. Gillespie.
Ocean Springs—R. B. Downer.
Pearlington—Benj. Jones.
Franklinton, to be supplied (by S. S. Moore.)
China Grove—W. W. Simmons.
Hattiesburg—I. L. Peebles.
Ellisville—J. H. Holland and one to be supplied (by E. J. Taylor.

Jackson District—J. A. ELLIS, Presiding Elder.

Jackson Station—A. F. Watkins.
Madison—P. A. Johnson.
Sharon—H. R. Caldwell.
Benton—I. W. Cooper and one to be supplied (by J. A. Newsom.
Silver Creek—M. A. Bell.

West Jackson—C. B. Galloway.
Hinds Mission, to be supplied (by T. M. Ward.)
Dover—T. W. Adams.
Tranquil—R. T. Davis.
Camden—J. W. Chambers.

Yazoo City—T. B. Holloman.
 Raymond—D. P. Bradford.
 Stations on Yazoo R. R.—R. Abbey.
 Missionary to China—J. W. Lambuth.

Edwards—E. H. Monnger.
 Canton Station—H. R. Singleton.
 Editor N. O. Christian Advocate—
 C. B. Galloway.

Brandon District—F. M. WILLIAMS, Presiding Elder.

Brandon Station—J. T. Heard.
 Marvin—H. J. Harris.
 Trenton—A. D. Miller, J. H. Evans,
 Sup.
 Lake—W. W. Cammack.
 Walnut Grove—L. P. Meador, J. A.
 Vance, Sup.
 Carthage—N. M. Clark.
 Hillsboro, be sup. (by J. C. Long.)
 Decatur, to be supplied (M. J. Mil-
 ler.

Fannin—Geo. Bancroft.
 Shiloh—R. A. Sibley.
 Raleigh, to be supplied (by R. S.
 Gale.)
 Strong River—C. McDonald, J. N.
 Williams, Sup.
 Newton—J. W. Ellison.
 Forest and Morton—A. B. Nichol-
 son.
 Westville—N. B. Young.
 Fellow in Vanderbilt University—W.
 R. Sims.

Meridian District—J. A. GODFREY, Presiding Elder.

Meridian Sta.—R. D. Norworthy.
 Neshoba, to be supplied (by J. F.
 Robinson.
 Marion—R. F. Witt.
 Vosburg and Heidleberg—L. Carley.
 Enterprise Station—J. M. Weems.
 Waynesboro and State line—J. W.
 Harmon.
 Saundersville, to be supplied (by J.
 B. Baldwin.

Meridian Circuit—John Lusk.
 DeKalb—D. G. W. Ellis.
 Lauderdale—D. C. Langford.
 Paulding—G. Hawkins.
 Shubuta—W. D. Dominick.
 Clarke—J. C. Brogan.
 Winchester—L. J. Jones.
 East Mississippi Female College—
 A. D. McVoy, Pres.

Vicksburg District—C. G. ANDREWS, Presiding Elder.

Vicksburg Sta—R. S. Woodward.
 Mt. Olivet—P. Howard.
 Vickland and Sunflower—J. H. Shel-
 ton.
 Cayuga—G. F. Thompson.
 Fayette—J. P. Drake.
 Kingston—B. F. Lewis
 Knoxville, to be supplied (by P. S.
 Petty.
 Jefferson Street, Natchez—W. C.
 Black.
 Lexington District High School—W.
 E. Ballard, Pres.

Warren—W. W. Hurst.
 Mayersville—Mark H. Moore.
 Rolling Fork—S. J. Cotton.
 Rocky Springs—R. Bradley.
 Port Gibson—W. L. C. Hunnicutt.
 Dennisville—J. V. Penn.
 Meadville—J. W. Sandell.
 Wesley Chapel, Natchez—T. L.
 Mellen.
 Port Gibson Female College—T. C.
 Bradford, Pres.

Brookhaven District—J. A. B. JONES, Presiding Elder.

Brookhaven Station, to be supplied.
 Summit—H. W. Featherstun.
 McComb City—J. T. Nicholson.
 Wesson and Beauregard—J. L. For-
 sythe.
 Brandywine—V. D. Skipper.
 Terry—J. D. Hays.
 Spring Ridge—I. B. Robertson.

Adams and Bogue Chitto—W. B.
 Hines.
 Providence—H. P. Lewis.
 Scotland—B. F. Jones.
 Bayou Pierre—C. W. Scott.
 Hazlehurst Station—H. D. Howell.
 Crystal Springs Sta.—W. B. Lewis.
 Whitworth Female College—H. F.
 Johnson, Pres.

Statistical Table.

Vicksburg District, C. G. ANDREWS, Presiding Elder.		Natchez, W. C. Black.	Fayette, J. P. Drake.	Natchez City Mis- sion, T. L. Meilen.	Rocky Springs, R. Bradley.	Mayersville and Skipwith, L. Carley.	Rolling Fork, J. H. Shelton.	Vicksburg, R. S. Woodward.	Port Gibson, T. P. Bradford.	Cayuga, E. A. Flowers.	Kingston, A. F. Watkins.	Warren, W. W. Hurst.	Meadville, J. W. Sandell.	Mr. Olivet, P. Howard.	TOTAL.
Statistics.															
Accessions.....		59	75	94	25	4	3	23	43	4	5	6	34	13	388
Deaths		7	6	.....	4	.....	4	8	.....	2	3	3	4	5	49
Exp'd, Withd. Remov. & Drop'd		50	9	17	5	7	.....	12	.....	.....	3	5	17	5	130
Members at present.....		245	480	77	04	24	41	300	142	223	85	250	364	269	2804
Local Preachers .....		.....	3	1	2	.....	1	1	.....	2	1	.....	1	4	16
Adults Baptised.....		5	27	24	4	1	.....	3	7	19	.....	2	8	12	94
Infants Baptised		10	25	1	6	1	1	8	.....	19	.....	17	28	6	122
Sunday-Schools.....		1	7	1	5	1	2	1	2	5	1	4	7	5	42
Officers and Teachers.....		22	30	16	18	7	17	24	14	25	6	15	30	30	254
Scholars.....		122	205	105	110	27	80	150	85	145	25	80	189	100	1423
Volumes in Library.....		626	165	50	100	.....	75	600	200	35	159	40	.....	50	2100
Sunday-School Periodicals taken		201	140	48	125	18	45	150	99	100	25	65	140	230	1376
Church Papers taken		48	75	3	17	6	6	25	15	200	22	35	20	65	537
Churches		1	4	1	4	.....	1	1	2	4	2	4	7	2	33
Value of Churches		25000	6200	2000	3000	.....	700	12000	16500	5500	9000	6140	1650	3000	\$90,690
Sittings.....		800	1200	250	800	.....	200	600	900	1100	600	1200	1170	500	\$929
Parsonages.....		1	1	.....	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	8
Value of Parsonages		2000	1500	.....	950	800	1000	2500	2200	.....	.....	600	.....	.....	\$11,550
Value of other Church Property.		85	50	.....	.....	900	200	800	35000	.....	.....	50	50	25	37,150
Expended for Sunday-Schools..		157	63	31	50	10	28	300	.....	25	.....	40	28	22	735
Expended on Churches.....		1201	200	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140	300	800	4040
Expended on Parsonages.....		287	150	.....	203	8	8	75	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	90	896

Collections.

Assessed for Bishops	21 37	18 25	.....	14 50	12 00	16 37	24 50	15 12	15 12	8 83	15 12	6 82	17 00	185 00
Collected for Bishops.....	21 37	18 30	2 50	11 50	.....	16 40	24 50	15 15	15 15	8 85	15 15	6 85	17 00	172 70
Assessed for Education	21 37	18 25	.....	14 50	12 00	16 37	24 50	15 12	15 12	8 83	15 12	6 82	17 00	185 00
Collected for Education.....	21 37	18 25	.....	14 50	12 00	16 40	24 50	26 30	15 80	10 30	12 20	6 85	17 00	169 94
Assessed for Conference Fund...	56 35	48 00	.....	38 00	31 35	45 00	64 60	40 35	39 66	23 00	36 66	16 35	44 62	485 00
Collected for Conference Fund...	51 35	50 00	12 85	35 00	4 00	10 00	65 00	35 45	11 00	10 10	39 00	13 00	20 00	358 00
Collected for the poor.....	35 00	23 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	198 00
Collected for Bible Cause.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other Objects	600 00	22 00	28 58	.....	155 00	6 00	300 00	169 60	.....	6 00	.....	6 95	10 00	1314 00
Assessed for Church Extension...	35 00	30 00	.....	24 00	20 00	27 00	40 00	25 00	25 00	11 00	25 00	10 00	28 00	300 00
Collected for Church Extension...	6 00	25 00	.....	.....	2 70	.....	40 00	.....	2 00	9 00	5 25	8 00	10 00	107 95
Assessed for Foreign Missions...	153 50	132 00	.....	105 10	87 50	118 30	175 50	109 50	109 50	65 50	109 50	47 90	123 20	1337 00
Collected for Foreign Mission....	155 00	68 80	18 00	25 00	5 00	9 10	176 00	21 20	10 00	37 45	30 63	39 00	21 00	517 15
Raised in Sunday-School.....	100 00	28 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	318 00
Raised by Woman's Mis. Society.	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assessed for Domestic Missions...	46 25	39 50	.....	31 40	26 00	35 45	53 25	32 75	32 75	19 25	32 75	13 85	36 80	400 00
Collected for Domestic Missions..	14 40	26 85	.....	.....	2 00	50	53 25	.....	4 50	9 00	17 30	11 00	20 00	158 80
Pastor's Salary	1000 800 00	.....	.....	600 00	600 00	600 00	1200 800 00	600 00	600 00	520 00	700 00	460 00	650 00	8520 00
Receipts.....	1000 705 20	.....	.....	508 70	268 60	139 50	1300 688 10	348 00	307 50	166 95	571 00	307 50	600 00	6603 35
Salary Presiding Elder.....	175 00	150 00	.....	120 00	100 00	135 00	200 00	125 00	125 00	75 00	125 00	55 00	140 00	1525 00
Receipts	175 00	132 25	14 00	100 00	55 85	80 00	200 00	125 00	80 90	55 40	101 00	37 35	128 50	1275 20

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Jackson District.														
W. L. C HUNNICUTT, Pres. Elder														
Statistics.														
Accessions.....	14	6	2	4	60	45	20	4	7	11	9	10	52	240
Deaths.....	3	.....	.....	4	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	.....	3	30
Expe'd Withd. Remov. & Drop'd	4	6	3	18	9	11	5	5	3	21	11	.....	8	104
Members at present.....	237	121	81	190	195	196	169	46	171	104	217	135	170	2072
Local preachers.....	2	1	.....	5	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Adults Baptized.....	4	1	.....	.....	26	13	7	.....	3	.....	6	1	20	81
Infants Baptized.....	7	3	5	12	7	25	9	10	2	2	1	5	4	103
Sunday-Schools.....	1	3	5	4	1	2	4	5	1	1	2	1	3	33
Officers and Teachers.....	20	18	9	20	8	7	16	15	9	13	13	14	16	178
Scholars.....	125	75	118	150	80	60	64	100	40	70	100	80	125	1188
Volumes in Library.....	1200	50	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	380	400	300	100	2830
Sunday-school Periodicals taken.	325	50	120	100	125	.....	10	60	44	120	110	50	35	1149
Church Papers taken.....	45	14	12	20	26	4	15	8	32	25	28	20	30	235
Churches.....	1	4	2	4	3	2	4	2	3	1	2	1	3	32
Value of Churches.....	12,000	3500	800	2000	2500	2500	1350	700	4500	5000	3000	4000	4000	35,050
Sittings.....	250	1200	350	1200	800	600	700	.....	600	200	750	500	900	8050
Parsonages.....	1	1	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Value of Parsonages.....	3000	1000	.....	600	800	400	300	150	400	2500	1500	2000	1000	13,650
Value of other Church Property	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	500	.....	1150
Expended for Sunday-schools.....	127 50	12	13 50	25 50	35 00	.....	10	7	5 75	20 00	50	20	50	266
Expended on Churches.....	3607	100	.....	40 00	425 00	.....	15	.....	273 00	136 00	25	20	20	4641
Expended on Parsonages.....	108	.....	.....	15 00	25 00	.....	180	20	25 00	14 00	40	100	225	752
Amount of Church Debt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165
TOTAL.														

Collections.

Assessed for Bishops.....	27 00	15 00	7 00	12 00	15 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	9 00	18 00	19 00	18 00	19 00	185 00
Collected for Bishops.....	27 00	15 40	.....	12 00	15 00	10 00	9 00	14 00	9 00	18 00	19 00	18 00	19 00	185 00
Assessed for Education.....	27 00	15 00	7 00	12 00	15 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	9 00	18 00	19 00	18 00	19 00	185 00
Collected for Education.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 75	.....	2 00	5 25	10 00	9 00	.....	5 00	15 00	19 00	74 00
Assessed for Conference Fund...	75 00	38 00	18 00	31 00	38 00	27 00	25 00	18 00	25 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	46 00	491 00
Collected for Conference Fund...	75 00	35 00	1 40	31 00	25 00	5 00	12 00	19 00	30 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	46 00	429 40
Collected for the poor.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	46 00
Collected for Bible Cause.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other objects.....	614 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50	63 00	100 00	70 00	75 00	1672 00
Assessed for Church Extension...	54 00	27 00	13 00	24 00	27 00	20 00	18 00	13 00	18 00	36 00	36 00	37 00	34 00	357 00
Collected for Church Extension..	25 00	10 00	.....	20 25	5 00	3 00	3 00	.....	20 00	15 00	10 00	17 00	34 00	162 25
Assessed for Foreign Mission.....	187 00	95 00	46 00	85 00	95 00	69 00	64 00	46 00	64 00	129 00	127 00	129 00	119 00	1255 00
Collected for Foreign Missions...	187 00	10 60	1 85	55 00	95 20	15 00	20 20	9 00	65 00	45 00	60 00	70 00	84 00	747 25
Raised in Sunday-School.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	35 00	49 00
Raised by Woman's Miss. Society	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	135 00
Assessed for Domestic Missions..	58 00	32 00	16 00	27 00	32 00	22 00	20 00	16 00	20 00	44 00	44 00	45 00	37 00	408 00
Collected for Domestic Missions..	40 00	20 00	.....	21 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	8 00	22 00	17 00	15 00	45 00	37 00	250 00
Pastor's Salary.....	1200 600 00	.....	.....	444 00	600 00	440 00	400 00	300 00	550 00	800 00	800 00	800 00	700 00	7634 00
Receipts.....	1200 461 00	.....	121 00	314 00	600 00	440 00	400 00	354 00	480 00	800 00	780 00	800 00	700 00	7530 00
Salary Presiding Elder.....	151 00	75 00	38 00	66 00	75 00	56 00	50 00	38 00	50 00	102 00	102 00	103 00	94 00	1000 00
Receipts.....	151 00	57 70	10 30	44 90	75 00	56 00	50 00	52 00	44 00	102 00	102 00	103 00	94 00	948 90

Collections.

Assessed for Bishops.....	10 00	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	10 00	10 00	7 50	10 00	10 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	10 00	10 00	7 50	5 00	111 00
Collected for Bishops.....	2 80	13 20	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	3 25	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	2 30	8 50	5 00	7 00	3 60	6 00	3 10	87 25
Assessed for Education....	10 00	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	5 00	10 00	10 00	7 50	5 00	111 00
Collected for Education....																					00
Assessed for Conference Fund...	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	7 50	18 00	10 00	10 00	7 50	223 10
Collected for Conference Fund...	15 00	10 75	15 00	15 00	25 00	5 25	10 80	17 20	17 20	17 20	2 65	9 10	11 25	23 00	20 00	2 80	23 00	9 65	7 00	2 80	144 45
Collected for the poor.....																	20 00				20 00
Collected for Bible Cause.....			4 00																		
Other objects.....			90 00						14 00			65 00	40 00								209 00
Assessed for Church Extension...	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	5 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	5 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	218 10
Collected for Church Extension...	5 00		2 00	7 25	3 00				5 00		1 75	6 25	1 10	9 65			1 10	9 65			41 00
Assessed for Foreign Mission.....	75 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	75 00	75 00	30 00	70 00	60 00	75 00	75 00	25 00	75 00	50 00	50 00	25 00	885 00
Collected for Foreign Missions...	9 00	31 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	16 00	28 30	33 00	33 00	33 00	10 50	5 50	21 00	20 00	40 00	2 00	20 00	40 00	21 00	2 00	277 30
Raised in Sunday-School	16 00					6 00			5 00						20 00		20 00				47 00
Raised by Woman's Miss. Society																					
Assessed for Domestic Missions..	20 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	20 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	10 00	241 00
Collected for Domestic Missions..	5 00	10 70	14 00	2 15	5 00	5 00	8 35	10 00	3 50	3 50	3 50	5 65	6 25	6 25	5 50	10 70	5 50	10 70	9 00	1 50	97 30
Pastor's Salary	500 00	520 00	475 00	530 00	474 00	474 00	390 00	460 00	300 00	450 00	450 00	470 00	450 00	450 00	450 00	150 00	450 00	575 00	400 00	150 00	6134 00
Receipts.....	474 00	362 45	410 00	331 00	339 00	225 00	225 00	358 00	137 00	279 00	374 00	374 00	374 00	352 00	316 70	81 00	316 70	139 00	81 00	81 00	4178 15
Salary Presiding Elder	75 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	70 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	70 00	60 00	75 00	75 00	25 00	75 00	60 00	60 00	25 00	910 00
Receipts.	71 75	48 80	59 40	41 30	50 00	37 60	54 40	23 90	42 50	47 75	58 70	39 25	20 90	9 00	605 25						

STATISTICAL TABLE—(CONTINUED.)

Meridian District, JAMES A. GONFREY, Pres. Elder.					
Statistics.					
Accessions.....	32	44	15	65	63
Deaths.....	3	2	1	3	4
Exp'd Withd. Remov. & Drop'd	22	41	25	8	27
Members at present.....	305	202	276	264	459
Local preachers.....	1	1	1	2	.....
Adults Baptized.....	2	9	15	15	13
Infants Baptized	9	7	2	20	44
Sunday-Schools	1	3	1	8	8
Officers and Teachers	23	24	4	23	40
Scholars	200	162	30	250	242
Volumes in Library.....	100	20	.....	.....	300
Sunday-school Periodicals taken.	298	113	26	169	320
Church Papers taken.....	28	19	3	25	16
Churches.....	1	2	6	7	7
Value of Churches.....	4000	1700	850	2000	2200
Sittings.....	350	500	500	1200	1750
Parsonages.....	1	1	.....	1	1
Value of Parsonages.....	2000	600	.....	250	200
Value of other Church Property	18,000	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Expended for Sunday-schools....	55 00	56 00	4 60	25	27 50
Expended on Churches	163 00	96 00	.....	.....	58 00
Expended on Parsonages	130 00	173 00	.....	.....	26 00
Amount of Church Debt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meridian, R. D. Norisworthy	Enterprise and Quinnan,	J. M. Pugh.	Meridian Circuit, M. H. Moore.	Vosburg, B. Baldwin.	Paulding, G. Hawkins.
Shubuta, W. D. Dominick	DeSoto, J. C. Biogan.	Waynesboro and State Line, J. W. Harmon.	Winchester, W. W. Cammack.	Marion, R. F. Witt.	Lauderdale, D. C. Langford
Linwood, L. S. Jones.	DeKalb, D. G. W. Ellis.	Philadelphia Mission, R. F. Flowers.	TOTAL.	.....	.....

Collections.

Assessed for Bishops	16 00	11 00	6 00	8 00	16 00	10 00	9 00	15 00	5 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	143 00
Collected for Bishops	12 50	11 00	6 00	9 45	16 00	10 00	9 60	15 00	2 00	6 25	14 60	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 55	139 95
Assessed for Education	16 00	11 00	6 00	8 00	16 00	10 00	9 00	15 00	5 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	143 00
Collected for Education .....	.....	.....	.....	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	11 60	.....	.....	.....	7 45	29 30
Assessed for Conference Fund...	50 00	40 00	25 00	35 00	35 00	40 00	20 00	40 00	10 00	25 00	30 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	410 00
Collected for Conference Fund...	50 00	40 00	13 50	3 50	30 75	40 25	20 00	40 00	10 00	25 00	30 00	15 00	25 00	25 00	4 00	346 00
Collected for the poor.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 60	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 00
Collected for Bible Cause.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 60	8 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 60
Other Objects	75 00	71 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	100 00	.....	.....	11 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	317 70
Assessed for Church Extension..	50 00	40 00	25 00	35 00	35 00	40 00	20 00	40 00	10 00	25 00	30 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	410 00
Collected for Church Extension..	19 50	18 00	.....	3 50	5 35	40 25	5 00	40 00	6 00	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	152 80
Assessed for Foreign Missions..	130 00	79 50	25 00	50 00	90 00	65 00	50 00	70 00	35 00	75 00	75 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	26 00	870 50
Collected for Foreign Mission....	107 35	79 50	2 75	3 50	36 25	65 50	40 00	70 00	27 00	51 30	50 00	35 00	32 00	17 00	.....	614 20
Raised in Sunday-School.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Raised by Woman's Mis. Society.	50 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	16 00	15 00	18 00	15 00	20 00	20 00	17 00	17 00	5 00	.....	50 00
Assessed for Domestic Missions..	13 00	21 00	10 00	3 40	16 00	15 25	12 00	18 00	10 00	20 00	13 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	.....	247 00
Collected for Domestic Missions..	15 00	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	167 75
Pastor's Salary	1000 600	300 00	500 00	800 00	480 00	525 00	600 00	600 00	355 00	500 00	630 00	500 00	600 00	350 00	.....	7710 00
Receipts... ..	1050 600	00 132 00	245 00	428 00	405 00	370 90	800 00	272 00	405 60	560 00	430 00	361 00	130 00	.....	.....	6189 50
Salary Presiding Elder.....	170 00	115 00	50 00	75 00	125 00	80 00	60 00	115 00	45 00	80 00	80 00	100 00	100 00	25 00	.....	1220 00
Receipts	170 00	100 00	20 25	43 70	68 30	67 50	47 60	115 00	44 00	62 75	70 00	70 70	60 25	25 00	.....	965 00

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Sea Shore District, B. S. RAYNER, Presiding Elder.	
Statistics.	
Accessions.....	21
Deaths	4
Exp'd, Withd. Remov. & Drop'd	7
Members at present.....	113
Local Preachers	6
Adults Baptized.....	15
Infants Baptized	8
Sunday-Schools.. ...	1
Officers and Teachers.....	10
Scholars.....	70
Volumes in Library	120
Sunday-School Periodicals taken	109
Church Papers taken	25
Churches	1
Value of Churches	5000
Sittings.....	350
Parsonages.....	1
Value of Parsonages	1500
Value of other Church Property	30
Expended for Sunday-Schools..	275
Expended on Churches.....	200
Expended on Parsonages.....	
Amount of Church Debt.....	

Collections.

Assessed for Bishops	8 00	5 00	4 00	6 00	8 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	70 00
Collected for Bishops	8 00	5 00	.....	8 00	8 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	4 00	4 30	4 30	3 15	4 00	70 00
Assessed for Education	8 00	5 00	4 00	6 00	8 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	70 00
Collected for Education	8 00	5 30	.....	2 00	.....	5 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 15	4 10	52 55
Assessed for Conference Fund...	20 00	20 00	12 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	14 00	14 00	16 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	205 00
Collected for Conference Fund...	20 00	5 00	15 00	20 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	12 15	14 00	16 00	6 00	9 00	4 00	4 00	11 00	10 00	170 15
Collected for the poor.....	68 50	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68 50
Collected for Bible Cause.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Other Objects .....	.....	.....	153 00	.....	100 00	.....	104 00	40 00	15 00	40 00	40 00	45 00	14 50	.....	.....	150 00	661 50
Assessed for Church Extension...	20 00	12 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	200 00
Collected for Church Extension..	20 00	5 00	10 00	18 00	8 00	10 00	10 00	3 20	10 00	20 00	13 00	3 65	4 00	5 25	3 00	143 40	.....
Assessed for Foreign Missions...	65 00	35 00	40 00	55 00	65 00	40 00	35 00	40 00	40 00	65 00	35 00	35 00	35 00	35 00	35 00	40 00	680 00
Collected for Foreign Missions ...	67 50	16 60	45 00	57 00	15 00	40 00	35 00	25 15	40 00	70 00	15 00	20 85	35 00	26 70	8 00	516 80	.....
Raised in Sunday-School.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 20	.....	.....	.....	16 10	.....	52 30	.....
Raised by Woman's Mis. Society.	53 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 90	.....
Assessed for Domestic Missions...	18 00	13 00	15 00	18 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	15 00	15 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	200 00
Collected for Domestic Missions..	20 00	8 00	15 00	18 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	6 10	15 00	18 00	6 00	9 00	4 00	10 00	5 00	172 10	.....
Pastor's Salary	600 00	400 00	335 00	600 00	600 00	235 00	240 00	460 00	450 00	490 00	165 00	350 00	250 00	250 00	360 00	5785 00	.....
Receipts.....	600 00	278 00	298 00	549 00	439 00	235 00	193 00	317 00	450 00	490 00	80 00	141 00	140 00	200 00	221 00	4631 00	.....
Salary Presiding Elder.....	100 00	65 00	65 00	80 00	100 00	55 00	50 00	65 00	75 00	85 00	35 00	60 00	50 00	55 00	60 00	1000 00	.....
Receipts	100 00	60 00	57 55	73 25	73 20	55 00	32 35	44 80	75 00	85 00	16 15	26 00	35 10	40 00	37 00	810 30	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Brookhaven District, J. A. B. Jones, Presiding Elder.															
Statistics.															
Accessions.....	8	18	20	30	23	15	65	74	42	27	47	33	33	65	500
Deaths.....	3	1	5	1	1	12	1	6	2	.....	5	2	4	3	46
Exp'd Withd. Remov. & Drop'd	17	10	10	6	32	26	10	17	20	9	4	28	.....	8	196
Members at present.....	177	220	404	300	199	274	205	568	170	346	378	234	285	304	4084
Local preachers.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	2	2	2	1	5	2	2	1	21
Adults Baptized.....	.....	5	10	11	8	7	28	47	12	11	13	2	10	10	174
Infants Baptized.....	.....	3	4	32	3	12	2	7	.....	13	24	7	5	8	120
Sunday-Schools.....	1	1	2	5	3	2	4	5	1	3	4	2	3	3	39
Officers and Teachers.....	14	10	18	25	23	13	17	30	4	13	22	17	20	15	243
Scholars.....	180	80	150	160	139	104	127	275	25	100	164	100	177	200	1981
Volumes in Library.....	500	.....	80	270	.....	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	50	100	250	1434
Sunday-school Periodicals taken.	180	65	100	150	124	125	76	137	50	100	178	140	110	80	1665
Church Papers taken.....	10	35	30	40	13	24	9	28	.....	27	30	34	30	12	353
Churches.....	1	1	2	3	4	2	5	5	3	5	4	1	3	3	42
Value of Churches.....	4000	2000	4000	1600	2300	1800	1200	3000	2050	4100	3500	2500	2000	1000	350 50
Sittings.....	400	350	400	800	900	500	950	1200	750	1900	1500	400	1200	800	120,50
Parsonages.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	6
Value of Parsonages.....	1700	1000	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	800	.....	1500	500	.....	6000
Value of other Church Property.	50,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	367	150	51,416
Expended for Sunday-schools.....	31 40	25 00	30 00	35 00	40 00	23 00	15 10	44 50	3 50	18 00	61 20	55 00	20 00	52 00	450
Expended on Churches.....	140 00	600 00	600 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	17 50	.....	134 00	1400	33 50	40 00	258 00	6199 50
Expended on Parsonages.....	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 50	40 00	.....	203 40
Amount of Church Debt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Collections.

Assessed for Bishops.....	12 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	146 00
Collected for Bishops.....	12 00	7 15	.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	8 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	11 10	12 00	129 55
Assessed for Education....	12 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	10 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	12 00	12 00	146 00
Collected for Education.....	2 20	.....	.....	10 00	35	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 40	.....	2 41	12 00	.....	3 50	34 86
Assessed for Conference Fund...	35 00	35 00	35 00	30 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	30 00	25 00	35 00	30 00	35 00	35 00	35 00	410 00
Collected for Conference Fund...	35 00	20 00	28 30	30 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	4 15	8 50	6 15	22 30	30 60	25 00	18 00	313 00
Collected for the poor.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 50	.....	.....	.....	35 00	244 50
Collected for Bible Cause.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 35
Other objects.....	.....	60 00	.....	5 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	56 00	.....	95 60	44 75	.....	75 00	386 35
Assessed for Church Extension...	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	15 00	20 00	15 00	20 00	20 00	240 00
Collected for Church Extension..	15 00	.....	.....	20 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 65	.....	15 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	89 15
Assessed for Foreign Mission.....	85 00	85 00	85 00	77 00	67 00	72 00	.....	.....	.....	80 00	55 00	85 00	80 00	90 00	80 00	1028 00
Collected for Foreign Missions...	85 00	85 00	53 00	77 00	36 00	72 00	.....	.....	.....	66 30	10 00	25 00	82 85	90 00	55 00	810 65
Raised in Sunday-School.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	107 00
Raised by Woman's Miss. Society	.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 55	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	82 55
Assessed for Domestic Missions..	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	15 00	20 00	15 00	20 00	20 00	240 00
Collected for Domestic Missions..	20 00	15 00	15 00	20 00	11 80	15 00	.....	.....	.....	17 35	2 00	20 00	15 00	12 25	15 00	198 40
Pastor's Salary.....	400 00	600 00	600 00	400 00	300 00	600 00	600 00	600 00	213 00	500 00	400 00	520 00	450 00	700 00	600 00	6818 00
Receipts.....	400 00	369 00	521 00	400 00	238 00	606 00	606 00	606 00	175 00	315 00	281 00	434 00	371 00	700 00	402 00	5793 00
Salary Presiding Elder.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	65 00	60 00	65 00	65 00	65 00	.....	70 00	45 00	80 00	70 00	80 00	80 00	910 60
Receipts.....	75 00	40 00	42 00	65 00	43 65	65 00	65 00	65 00	14 50	43 90	28 25	66 75	62 00	80 00	51 50	753 55

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Woodville District, D. A. LITTLE, Presiding Elder.		Woodville, T. S. West.	Wilkinson, T. W. Brown.	Amité, E. F. Edgar.	Clinton, La., C. A. Powell.	East Feliciana, G. M. Gilmore.	North Wilkinson, D. A. Givens.	East Baton Rouge, J. W. Brown.	Bayou Sara, Miss., P. S. Petty.	St. Helena, J. S. Parker.	Pipkin's Chapel & Port Hudson, C. D. Cecil.	Livingston, Miss., J. D. Jackson.	Amité City, B. Jones.	Jackson, La., D. M. Bush.	Total.
Statistics.															
Accessions.....		74	33	74	16	5	12	27	8	112	2	47	12	10	432
Deaths.....		3	2	3	.....	3	3	3	2	4	3	2	4	5	37
Exp'd, Withd. Remov. & Drop'd		1	5	10	8	3	2	4	7	33	12	15	22	10	132
Members at present.....		155	238	404	135	383	342	234	201	622	105	210	106	255	3390
Local Preachers.....		.....	1	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....	1	1	1	2	7	17
Adults Baptized.....		20	8	54	2	5	6	6	.....	36	.....	7	5	1	150
Infants Baptized.....		9	3	12	4	5	7	12	8	32	17	18	5	10	142
Sunday-Schools.....		1	5	5	1	4	4	4	2	6	2	6	2	3	45
Officers and Teachers.....		12	14	15	10	32	12	6	8	18	6	26	9	20	188
Scholars.....		83	85	120	103	200	109	40	35	172	60	145	65	110	1327
Volumes in Library.....		200	.....	20	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	.....	50	20	50	636
Sunday-School Periodicals taken		106	100	50	105	35	64	47	69	185	60	82	120	141	1164
Church Papers taken.....		16	50	20	25	25	55	18	21	42	8	20	21	40	361
Churches.....		1	5	6	1	7	6	2	5	6	2	6	1	3	51
Value of Churches.....		4000	4250	1000	2000	2500	2200	800	2000	4000	2500	660	700	5500	32,110
Sittings.....		250	600	500	300	1500	2000	300	1000	1500	700	615	350	750	10,315
Parsonages.....		1	1	.....	2	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	9
Value of Parsonages.....		2000	1000	.....	2050	.....	340	400	900	500	.....	.....	500	.....	7690
Value of other Church Property.		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Expended for Sunday-Schools.		46	.....	20	30	13 50	11	8	9	35	7 50	25	16	30	80,100
Expended on Churches.....		315	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	36	20	200	.....	.....	.....	27 50	251
Expended on Parsonages.....		.....	.....	153	50	14 00	10	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	638 50
Amount of Church Debt.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	.....	390 00

Collections.

Assessed for Bishops.....	10 00	8 70	7 20	10 00	9 50	6 20	6 50	6 50	8 70	7 00	4 00	7 50	8 00	100 00
Collected for Bishops.....	10 00	8 70	7 50	10 00	7 00	6 20	6 50	6 50	8 90	7 00	4 00	7 50	8 00	97 80
Assessed for Education....	10 00	8 70	7 20	10 00	9 50	6 20	6 50	6 50	8 70	7 00	4 00	7 50	8 00	100 00
Collected for Education.....	10 00	8 70	7 20	10 00	.....	6 20	6 50	3 00	10 45	7 00	4 00	2 20	8 10	88 35
Assessed for Conference Fund...	33 00	29 00	24 00	33 00	31 00	20 00	21 00	21 00	29 00	23 00	13 00	25 00	26 00	318 00
Collected for Conference Fund...	40 00	29 10	10 00	33 00	10 00	12 00	21 00	14 75	29 00	23 00	6 10	6 75	28 70	263 40
Collected for the poor.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 75	.....	.....	.....	110 00	.....	127 75
Collected for Bible Cause.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other objects.....	.....	.....	53 00	.....	.....	.....	5 50	.....	35 00	178 00	.....	200 00	.....	469 50
Assessed for Church Extension...	25 00	21 00	18 00	24 00	23 00	15 00	16 00	16 00	21 00	17 00	10 00	18 00	20 00	244 00
Collected for Church Extension..	25 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....	3 00	11 00	.....	9 25	17 00	.....	4 10	22 00	103 35
Assessed for Foreign Mission.....	104 00	89 00	74 00	104 00	97 00	64 00	67 00	67 00	89 00	72 00	42 00	77 00	82 00	1028 00
Collected for Foreign Missions...	115 00	38 00	20 00	40 00	15 00	34 00	52 00	18 90	89 00	72 00	5 40	21 00	85 00	605 30
Raised in Sunday-School	60 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	16 00	.....	91 50
Raised by Woman's Miss. Society.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assessed for Domestic Missions..	25 00	21 00	18 00	24 00	23 00	15 00	16 00	16 00	21 00	17 00	10 00	18 00	20 00	244 00
Collected for Domestic Missions..	25 00	9 00	10 00	17 00	10 00	8 00	11 00	9 75	19 00	17 00	7 70	4 80	22 00	170 25
Pastor's Salary.....	600 00	510 00	400 00	700 00	616 00	400 00	305 00	400 00	600 00	400 00	260 00	525 00	400 00	6116 00
Receipts.....	600 00	299 35	300 00	501 00	492 00	258 00	216 70	201 00	561 00	400 00	139 00	253 00	333 00	4554 05
Salary Presiding Elder.....	102 00	87 00	72 00	100 00	95 00	62 00	65 00	65 00	87 00	70 00	40 00	75 00	80 00	1000 00
Receipts.	104 00	50 75	54 00	71 60	76 60	37 00	46 25	33 50	81 00	70 00	21 00	36 15	67 00	748 25

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Recapitulation.	Statistics.						Total, 1882.				Total, 1883.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Jackson District.	Woodville District.	Meridian District.	Brandon District.	Vicksburg Dist.	Sea Shore Dist.	Brookhaven District.	Total, 1882.				Total, 1883.		
Accessions.....	240	432	713	623	388	619	500	3115	3515	400	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deaths.....	30	37	58	41	49	32	46	304	293	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Expe'd Withd. Remov. & Drop'd	104	132	225	174	130	116	196	909	1101	192	.....	.....	.....	.....
Members at present.....	2072	3390	4957	4492	2804	3887	4084	23,924	25,686	1762	.....	.....	.....	.....
Local preachers.....	12	17	23	22	16	25	21	141	136	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Adults Baptized.....	81	150	184	232	94	163	174	844	1078	234	.....	.....	.....	.....
Infants Baptized	103	142	243	164	122	277	120	1625	1171	.....	.....	.....	.....	454
Sunday-Schools.....	33	45	59	39	42	59	39	291	316	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Officers and Teachers	178	188	308	192	254	233	243	1511	1596	85	.....	.....	.....	.....
Scholars	1188	1327	2471	1467	1423	1678	1181	10,198	10,735	537	.....	.....	.....	.....
Volumes in Library.....	2830	636	868	580	2100	940	1434	9813	9388	.....	.....	.....	.....	425
Sunday-school Periodicals taken.	1149	1164	1947	882	1376	900	1665	7598	9088	1490	.....	.....	.....	.....
Church Papers taken.....	235	361	326	192	537	298	353	2236	2302	66	.....	.....	.....	.....
Churches.....	32	51	74	56	33	59	42	336	347	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Value of Churches.....	35,050	32,110	26,675	24,600	90,690	34,400	35,050	277,990	278,575	585	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sittings.....	8050	10,315	15,750	13,325	8920	11,450	12,050	82,130	79,860	.....	.....	.....	.....	2270
Parsonages.....	12	9	11	10	8	7	6	61	63	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Value of Parsonages.....	13,650	7690	7250	5000	11,550	4325	6000	49,086	55,465	5379	.....	.....	.....	.....
Value of other Church Property.	1150	80,100	18,671	6100	37,150	2768	51,416	192,060	281,255	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,807
Expended for Sunday-schools....	266	251	393	223	735	323	450	2307	2552	70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Expended on Churches	4641	638	2129	1435	4041	235	6199	22,631	19,319	.....	.....	.....	.....	3312
Expended on Parsonages	752	390	440	852	896	560	203	5424	4093	.....	.....	.....	.....	1320
Amount of Church Debt.....	165	.....	.....	232	.....	.....	.....	397	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Collections.

Assessed for Bishops	185 00	100 00	143 00	111 00	185 00	70 00	146 00	931 00	940 00	9 00	.....
Collected for Bishops.....	185 00	97 80	139 95	87 25	172 70	69 85	129 50	915 00	382 05	.....	32 95
Assessed for Education	185 00	100 00	143 00	111 00	185 00	70 00	146 00	.....	940 00	.....	.....
Collected for Education.....	74 00	88 35	29 30	1 00	169 94	52 55	34 86	388 00	450 00	62 00	.....
Assessed for Conference Fund...	491 00	318 00	410 00	223 00	485 00	205 00	410 00	2472 00	2542 00	70 00	.....
Collected for Conference Fund...	429 40	263 40	346 00	144 45	358 00	170 15	313 00	2017 00	2024 40	7 40	.....
Collected for the poor.....	46 00	127 75	51 00	20 00	198 00	68 50	244 50	.....	755 75	.....	.....
Collected for Bible Cause.....	.....	.....	16 60	.....	.....	12 00	2 35	.....	30 95	.....	.....
Other Objects	1672 00	469 50	317 70	209 00	1314 00	661 50	386 35	2829 00	4828 00	1999 00	.....
Assessed for Church Extension...	357 00	244 00	410 00	218 00	300 00	200 00	240 00	.....	1969 00	.....	.....
Collected for Church Extension...	162 25	103 35	152 80	41 00	107 95	143 40	89 15	.....	799 90	.....	.....
Assessed for Foreign Missions...	1255 00	1028 00	870 00	885 00	1337 00	680 00	1028 00	6885 00	7083 00	198 00	.....
Collected for Foreign Missions...	747 25	605 30	614 20	277 30	517 15	516 80	810 65	3715 00	4089 35	372 85	.....
Raised in Sunday-School.....	49 00	91 50	30 00	47 00	318 00	52 30	107 00	.....	694 80	.....	.....
Raised by Woman's Mis. Society.	135 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	53 90	82 55	.....	321 45	.....	.....
Assessed for Domestic Missions...	408 00	244 00	247 00	241 00	400 00	200 00	240 00	2018 00	1980 00	.....	38 00
Collected for Domestic Missions...	250 00	170 25	167 75	97 30	158 80	172 10	198 40	1240 00	1214 40	.....	25 40
Pastor's Salary.....	7634 00	6116 00	7710 00	6134 00	8470 00	5785 00	6818 00	47012 00	48667 00	1655 00	.....
Receipts.....	7530 00	4554 00	6189 50	4178 00	6603 35	4631 00	5793 00	36530 00	39478 85	2948 85	.....
Salary Presiding Elder.....	1000 00	1000 00	1220 00	910 00	1525 00	1000 00	910 00	7770 00	7565 00	.....	205 00
Receipts	948 90	748 25	965 00	605 25	1275 20	810 30	755 55	6074 00	6106 45	32 45	

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Rev. Charles Wesley Calhoun

Died in the faith, April 10th, 1883. He was born in Clarke county, Alabama, October 25th, 1839, was converted and began preaching when he was twenty years of age. He was first married to Miss Caroline O. Evans, July 27th, 1864. This lady died May 25th, 1866. His second marriage was to Miss Laura Ann Vaughn, September 15th, 1867. She and six children survive. Bro. Calhoun had the satisfaction of dying at home in Jackson county, Mississippi, surrounded by his wife, children and friends. His disease was consumption. All through his protracted illness he was meek, patient and resigned. The writer and other ministers, who visited him, will long remember the wonderful exhibition of the power of God's grace as manifest in him. It was good to be there. On one occasion he said to Bro. Thomas Price, who resided in his family, "Tell the brethren of the Conference to preach the old doctrine of salvation by faith in Jesus—to be true and faithful and to fight it out on this line." The writer was once his Presiding Elder in the old Alabama Conference, where he was always loved for his fidelity and zeal in the Master's cause. He preached two years as a local preacher and was then admitted on trial in the Alabama Conference, December 3d, 1862, was ordained a deacon in 1864, and Elder in 1866. In the Alabama Conference he served the Union, Grove Hill, Lower Peach Tree, Shiloh, St. Stephens, Bladen Springs and Grand Bay circuits.

In December, 1876, he was induced by Bro. Thomas Price, then Presiding Elder on the Sea Shore District, to transfer to the Mississippi Conference, his family being in the bounds of his District.

His appointments in the Mississippi Conference were East Pascagoula and Pearlinton.

His memory will be long and fondly cherished by parents and children in the homes once cheered by his pastoral visits. At a memorial service, held in the church at Pearlinton, the first Sabbath after his death, the church was filled by those who had been blessed with his ministrations. His reports to Conference were always good.

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